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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

***EX PARTE NOTICE***

*Re: Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 05-25.*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of CenturyLink, I met with Nick Alexander, Pam Arluk, Al Lewis, Pam Megna, Betsy McIntyre, Eric Ralph, and Steven Rosenberg of the Wireline Competition Bureau on February 10, 2011. We discussed CenturyLink's submission in response to the Commission's data request. CenturyLink explained the methodology it used to provide the answers in its submission, and the challenges involved in producing data in one format versus another.

CenturyLink has worked diligently to answer the Commission's questions. With respect to the questions regarding end-user connections and their maximum capacities, CenturyLink explained that it will have to conduct a time and resource intensive manual study to generate complete and reliable answers. Nearly all of CenturyLink's operating companies, and most of the lines they serve, are classified as rural under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. CenturyLink does not currently maintain a single database that records the specific locations of the facilities upon which active circuits are provisioned. Nor, can CenturyLink use an automated process to identify how many circuits are provisioned over fiber or copper.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, one copy of this electronic notice is being filed in each of the above-referenced dockets. Please contact me if you have any questions or need anything else.

Sincerely,

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cc: Nick Alexander,  
Pam Arluk,  
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